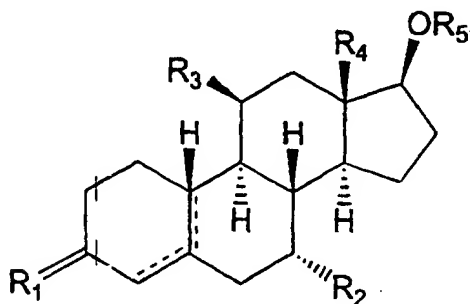


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Orally Active androgens are derivative of 7 α -methyl-19-nortestosterone. The compounds satisfy formula (I) wherein R₁ is O, (H,H), (H,OR), NOR, with R being hydrogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, or (C₁₋₆)acyl; R₂ is selected from the group consisting of (C₂₋₃)alkyl, isopropyl, (C₂₋₃)1-alkenyl, isopropenyl, 1,2-proandienyl, or (C₂₋₃)1-alkynyl, each optionally substituted by halogen; or R₂ is cyclopropyl, or cyclopropenyl, each optionally substituted by (C₁₋₂)alkyl, or halogen; R₃ is hydrogen, (C₁₋₂)alkyl, or ethenyl; R₄ is (C₁₋₂)alkyl; R₅ is hydrogen, or (C₁₋₁₅)acyl; and the dotted lines indicate optional bonds.



(I)